International operations from Bangalore Airport

1363. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the foreign airlines which have requested to fly from Bangalore International Airport; and

(b) whether Government have considered their request, if so, the names of the Airlines which have been permitted to fly from Bangalore in the next one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The designated airlines of Sri Lanka, Malayasia, Gulf Air Owning States, Hong Kong, Germany and Sinpore have been granted access to Bangalore on receipt of request from the concerned countries. At present Lufthansa, Malayasian Airlines, Royal Nepal Airlines and Sri Lankan Airlines are operating out of Bangalore. Separate capacity entitlement for operating to Bangalore will also become available to the designated airlines of Singapore from Summer, 2003. The Government of UK had also shown interest for Bangalore, but the same is not presently available to their designated carrier.

Shortage of Gliders

1364. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the country is facing acute shortage of gliders for training at Gliding clubs in India, particularly Delhi Gliding Club;

(b) whether Govenment are aware that one Ardhar Glider, which is being manufactured at the Technical Centre of the Director General of Civil Aviation for the last fifteen years has not been completed so far, if so, the reasons for this long delay; and

(c) by when the Ardhara glider is likely to be test-flown?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, sir. There is no shortage of gliders for training at Gliding Clubs in India including Delhi Gliding Club.

(b) and (c) The fabrication work of 3rd Proto-type of Aradhara Glider which was taken up, on regular basis, in 1998 has since been completed.